

House Resolution 1786

By: Representative Jamieson of the 28th

A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing regret at the passing of Bobby Byrd; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia recently lost one of its finest and most distinguished
3 citizens with the passing of Bobby Byrd; and

4 WHEREAS, this native son of the City of Toccoa diligently and conscientiously devoted
5 innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community
6 and state as evidenced dramatically by his many years of outstanding service in the local
7 music industry where he organized the renowned Gospel Starlighters; and

8 WHEREAS, he is better known as the "Godfather's Godfather" as he is credited with
9 discovering James Brown, who he collaborated with for over 20 years; and

10 WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience
11 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this
12 state, and especially Toccoa, earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and
13 associates; and

14 WHEREAS, this distinguished man gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals,
15 and deep concern for his fellow citizens and he possessed the vast wisdom which only comes
16 through experience and the strength of character which is achieved through overcoming the
17 many challenges of life; and

18 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
19 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example he made of his life, he
20 made this world a better place in which to live.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 the members of this body express their deepest and most sincere regret at the passing of
3 Bobby Byrd.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
5 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Bobby Byrd.